

## **PARK REGULATIONS TO PROTECT THE HISTORICAL PALACE PARKS OF SCHLOSS HOF ESTATE AND SCHLOSS NIEDERWEIDEN**

### **Scope of application**

Sec. 1 These park regulations apply to all parts of the palace park accessible to the public and to the planted areas along the park walls and around the access paths to the park.

### **Using and keeping the site clean**

Sec. 2 (1) The parts of the park accessible to the public must only be used in such a way that other visitors are not endangered or caused unreasonable nuisance. Every visitor is obliged to have consideration for other visitors.

(2) Do not use the facilities, equipment and constructions such as tables, benches, chairs, playing equipment, monuments and the like for anything other than the intended purpose; do not do anything that might prevent this equipment being used for its intended purpose. In particular, do not dirty or soil the facilities, equipment and constructions, spray them with paint, paint them, cover them with paper, sheeting or materials of other kinds or damage them in any other way.

(3) In particular the following prohibitions apply:

1. Do not leave refuse or objects of any kind;
  2. Do not throw away waste, paper such as newspapers and the like, containers and packaging material (dispose of such objects in the waste containers provided);
  3. Do not play or climb on or move enclosures (in particular barriers, fences, walls, other kinds of barriers) and any kind of park equipment (such as signs and warnings, information panels, benches or waste bins);
  4. Do not climb on constructions, monuments, fountains or other installations;
  5. Do not light, make or maintain fires (for instance for barbecuing and cooking purposes), do not use barbecue or cooking equipment; no camping;
  6. Do not bath in or skate on areas of water;
  7. Do not take water from the pools, fountains and watering taps for drinking or bathing purposes.
- (4) In the park areas accessible to the public that are not open permanently, access is only permitted during opening hours. Opening hours are displayed at the entrances and must be complied with. Spending the night in the park is not permitted.
- (5) All commercial activities such as selling, filming or photographing, distributing leaflets or similar activities are prohibited in the park without the written consent of Schloß Schönbrunn Kultur- und Betriebsges.m.b.H.. This provision shall also apply to playing musical instruments/singing and begging and to holding commercial, charitable or other events, e.g. processions, unless such are permitted according to the statutory regulations.
- (6) Weapons or dangerous objects must not be introduced into any part of the site.
- (7) The instructions issued by the Schloß Schönbrunn Kultur- und Betriebsges.m.b.H. staff and authorised persons shall be complied with.

### **Protection of the planted areas**

No walking or driving on the grass

Sec. 3 (1) Do not walk or drive on the ornamental Baroque areas including the decorative lawns and all flowerbeds in and outside the park. There is no prohibition on walking on the other green areas. A strictly protected species of ground squirrel inhabits the grounds. Their activities can make the ground uneven and cause depressions in the soil, also in sections that are freely accessible, especially in the area of the Fairground/Festwiese. So please take special care! Accessing the grounds with unsuitable footwear is undertaken at your own risk.

(2) Do not drive or park vehicles or similar means of transport on the grass (Sec. 2 (1) No. 19 of the Road Traffic Regulations 1960, Federal Gazette No. 159, as amended by Federal Act, Federal Gazette No. 152/2006). This does not apply to wheelchairs and prams.

(3) Do not cause chemical, mechanical or other harm to plants of any kind such as flowers, trees, shrubs and the like, and do not harm their habitat.

(4) You may pick fruit and berries in the specially identified garden and from the fruit trees. Do not cause any other damage such as by cutting, breaking or removing plants and plant parts. The grass and planted areas shall be kept clean.

### **Use of the paths**

Sec. 4 (1) Without prejudice to the provisions in Sec. 4 (2) and Sec. 5 (2) of the Park Regulations, do not drive or park vehicles on the paths.

(2) The prohibitions in paragraph 1 shall not cover the use of

1. emergency vehicles;
2. vehicles used for park maintenance purposes;
3. vehicles for access to the entitled users listed in the annex (businesses, events holders, tenants, lessees etc) provided that consent has been obtained from Schloß Schönbrunn Kultur- und Betriebsges.m.b.H.
- (3) **In snow and/or icy conditions, use only the gritted paths.** The use of paths other than the gritted paths is expressly prohibited in snow and/or icy conditions. No liability is assumed for accidents occurring on these paths.
- (4) Schloss Hof Estate and Schloss Niederweiden parks are historic gardens with old trees which in high winds or storms pose an increased risk to the park visitors. Accordingly, please note that you must keep out of the park in high winds or storm, or when there is a risk of high winds or storm. If you are already in the park at such times, you must leave it without delay or – if you cannot leave the park safely – seek out areas in the parks that offer protection.
- (5) The use of any unlit paths or areas is expressly prohibited.

### **Use of sports equipment**

Sec. 5 (1) Cycling, tobogganing, skiing and the use of sports equipment with wheels (e.g. Segways, skateboards, cross-country skis on wheels and the like) are prohibited, and you are not allowed to introduce the equipment for these activities into the park. The prohibition also applies to vehicle-like toys for children.

(2) The ban on cycling shall not apply to marked service bicycles and service segways.

### **Children's games and conduct on the playgrounds**

Sec. 6 (1) Ball games with the exception of games with toddlers are only permitted on the defined playgrounds or appropriately marked areas.

(2) Tobacco goods and alcohol must not be consumed at the playgrounds.

### **Dogs and other animals**

Sec. 7 (1) You are not allowed to bring dogs or other animals into the park.

(2) You are not allowed to hunt animals of any kind or release them in the parks.

### **Responsible guardians**

Sec. 8 Persons who require supervision due to lack of maturity are only permitted to enter the parks with a suitable guardian.

### **Notice of penal provisions**

Sec. 9 (1) Unless the offence amounts to a criminal act falling within the jurisdiction of the courts, an infringement of the requirements or prohibitions imposed by law or regulation can be punished by the competent authorities as an administrative offence.

(2) In addition, the landowner can bring a civil claim against infringements of the park regulations.